

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The June 26, 2008, Office Action required restriction for examination purposes to one of the following identified inventions: Group I – claims 1-52 or Group II – claims 53-57.

Applicants hereby elect to restrict, for examination purposes, the application to Group I, claims 1-52. The Office Action further required election of one species and subspecies. Applicants hereby elect species “a” – positively-charged reporter (claims 1 and 27), and subspecies “iii” – macromolecules, for examination purposes. Claims 1 and 27 are readable on the elected species. Claims 2 and 16 are dependent from Claim 1 and include all limitations therein, and are also readable on the elected species. Claims 28 and 42 are dependent from Claim 27 and include all limitations therein, and are also readable on the elected species.

Claims 3-15, 17-26, 29-41 and 43-57 have been withdrawn. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter, and to rejoin non-elected claims and species once at least one claim is allowed and that at least one claim is generic to the non-elected claims and species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the response made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 16 27, 28 and 42 are in condition for allowance, and request consideration of the same. Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayment of fees regarding this response, including extensions for reply, to Deposit Account 07-1509.

Respectfully submitted,

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